

**641—83.10 (135) Lead agency and other state agencies.**

**83.10(1) *Lead agency.*** The lead agency for support of the council shall be the department of public health.

**83.10(2) *Duties.*** The department shall work with the council, steering committee and state agency liaison team to provide leadership for system development. The department shall also conduct the following activities:

*a.* Enter into memoranda of agreement with the departments of education, human services, human rights, management—office of empowerment, economic development, and workforce development to formalize the state agencies' commitments to collaborating with and integrating an early care, health, and education system;

*b.* Work with private businesses, foundations, and nonprofit organizations to develop sustained funding;

*c.* Maintain a Web site for the council and component groups;

*d.* Promulgate any needed revisions to administrative rules based on stakeholder input, including but not limited to input from the council.

**83.10(3) *Staff.*** Staff for the ECI council shall be provided by the lead agency as funding is available.

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